Pulses, Oilseeds, Horticulture, Vegetable crops, Fisheries & Animal Husbandries, as a result of research work undertaken in Andhra Pradesh.

NATURAL FARMING

3312. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative to encourage natural farmings' to enhance soil fertility in over-used lands ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of any finances allotted to Andhra Pradesh to give emphasis for propagation of natural farming ;

(d) whether any tie-up has been negotiated with urban townships and farming communities to utilise sewage for agriculture; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) Although as such no programmes have been initiated on 'natural farmings' but to maintain the soil fertility and to increase productivity due emphasis is being given to utilist all available manurial resources and use of bio-fertilisers as complementry source of nutrients.

(c) No funds have been allocated specifically for the propagation of natural farmings.

(d) and (e) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of balanced and integrated use of fertilisers provisions have been made for setting up of compost-plants in cities to supply city compost to farmers and to that extent there is a tie-up with the farmers.

BENEFT TO INDIAN FARMERS ON THE DUNKEL DRAFT STAND

3313. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of benefits to be reached to Indian farmers on the assumption that Dunkel Draft stand accepted compared to farmers in the developed countries ;

(b) whether it is a fact that farmers of developed countries have been getting so far much less subsidies from their Governments than Indian farmers ; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and what are the other ways of giving protection to agriculturists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) It is anticipated that the result of the Uruguay Round Negotiations could lead to increase in international prices and thus better unit value realisation for export of Indian agricultural produce and may provide improved market access opportunities to agricultural export.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

कृषि को उद्योग का दर्जा दिए जाने की मांग

3314. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कृषि को उद्योग का दर्जा दिए जाने की मांग पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में क्या अग्रिम कार्यवाही हो रही है; और

(ग) इस पर अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक ले लिए जाने की संभावना है ?